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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

3. (Amended) An electrical socket according to Claim 1, wherein the socket includes three groups of two wires each.

4. (Amended) An electrical socket according to claim 1, wherein said retaining structure includes a ring at each end of the socket, and wherein said wires are retained in groups by attachment to said rings at opposite ends of the socket.

Please add the following new claims.

11. (New) An electrical socket according to Claim 2, wherein the socket includes three groups of two wires each.